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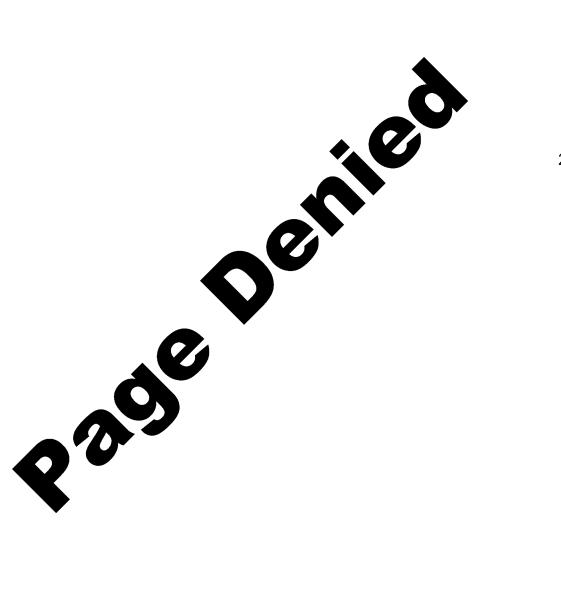
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USSR: Brezhnev's Speech	
President Brezhnev's speech yesterday to the Komsomol Congress	
was a major effort to seize the initiative from the US regarding INF and START.	25 X 1
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On INF, Brezhnev announced that Moscow is already reducing the number of "medium-range missiles" in the	
European USSR. He also stated that no "additional" SS-20 missiles will be deployed within range of West Germany and	
other West European countries, and that he envisages the	
extended moratorium on deployment of SS-20s as including	
"an end to the construction of launching positions." Brezhnev ruled out inclusion of Soviet missiles in the	051/4
Far East in the current INF talks, but said that the	25 X 1
Soviets "do not object" to separate negotiations.	
The Soviet leader described President Reagan's call	
for the resumption of strategic arms talks as a "step in the right direction" but criticized the specific pro-	
posals in the President's recent speech. He stated that	
new talks should "preserve everything positive that has been achieved earlier." Brezhnev also called for banning	
or restricting the development of new types of strategic	
weapons and proposed that the USSR and the US freeze their strategic arms quantitatively as soon as START	
begins.	25X1
Comment: //Brezhnev's ambiguous proposal for a	20/1
freeze on strategic arms probably is intended to fore-	
stall new US programs and to encourage US supporters of a "nuclear freeze." His comments on SS-20 deployments	
are a response to some of the Western objections to his	
earlier INF initiatives. Brezhnev, however, apparently	25 X 1
is offering no more than a halt in new construction starts;	
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Breznnev's statement on the possibility of Far East- ern INF talks probably is designed to counter the US call	
for global reductions. The Soviets might consider US	
"forward-based systems" in the Far East as well as Chinese forces to be subject to such negotiations.	05)/4
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EC-USSR: Interest Rates on Export Credi //EC finance ministers have at least tempo new OECD agreement that would have increased int credits, including those to the USSR.//	prarily blocked a	25X1
//The ministers decided on Monday to credit agreement recently proposed in the ferred until 15 June to allow time for for eration. The current arrangement expire this month, and proposals for a new credinclude reclassifying the USSR as a "relocuntry and raising interest rates to allest countries. The EC does not oppose russer, but France is now concerned that rates at this time would burden the more oping countries by requiring them to pay goods bought on credit.//	te OECD be de- further consid- es at the end of lit understanding atively rich" I but the poor- reclassifying the raising interest e advanced devel-	25X1
Comment: //The decision to seek futions probably reflects a fear, especial that across-the-board interest hikes couports to many countries. This would advemployment. The UK also opposes changes allow Japana main competitor for new mexport credits at substantially lower ralow domestic interest rates.//	ly by France, ald reduce ex- versely affect that would marketsto grant	25X1
//The deferral of the new OECD prop additional doubts that export credits to restricted through the consensus arrange and other West European countries have r Together with France's near total reject Secretary of State Buckley's efforts las move casts doubts on France's willingnes action on the export credit issuewhich North-South and East-West relationsunt summit at Versailles.//	the USSR can be ment, as France epeatedly urged. ion of Under tweek, this is to take any affects both	
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ROMANIA: Purge of Officials	
President Ceausescu's purge of cultural figures and firings of several regime officials are an effort to muffle internal opposition and seek scapegoats for economic problems.	25 X 1
The Minister of Education, two of her deputies, and a deputy minister of transportation were fired in late April in a purge that may affect hundreds allegedly involved in a group practicing "transcendental meditation." The media have suggested the group is a religious sect established by a foreign intelligence organization.	25X1
Two high officials in the Ministry of Interior, who may have been held responsible for a breakdown in internal security, also have been fired. In addition, a senior foreign trade official and two deputy ministers of agriculture were dismissed last week on charges of misusing hard currency obtained from a major agricultural project with Syria.	25 X 1
Comment: These actions evidently are aimed at intimidating potential opponents and deflecting blame from the regime for its continuing failure to stop the economy's decline. Ceausescu appears to be using the transcendental meditation issue to purge or intimidate those in the intellectual elite who disagree with his efforts to control culture completely and to limit foreign influences. Some intellectuals may oppose Ceausescu's plans to convene an "ideological" conference of the Communist Party to be held next month after several unexplained	20/(1
postponements.	25X1

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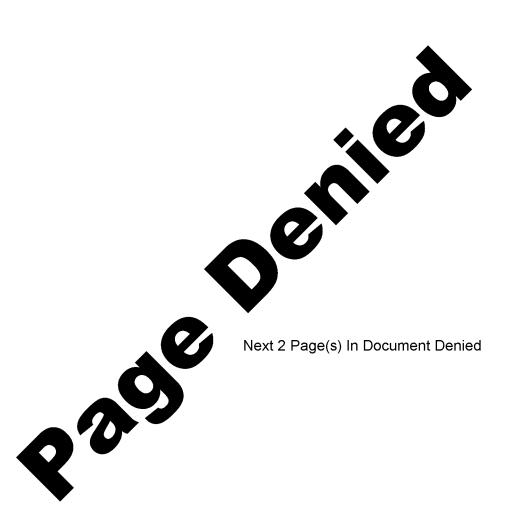
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INDIA: Election Tests	
//Prime Minister Gandhi faces cl today for four state legislatures, 22 seats in other state legislatures, ar ment. She and her son Rajiv have can to improve the prospects for the fact party units of Gandhi's Congress Part	2 vacant individual nd the national parlia- mpaigned intensively tionalized state
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Comment: //Gandhi will govern to find the outcome of the vote. Any loss to her prestige, however, and gains to could reduce the margin of victory for the presidential election schedules.	ses would be a blow for her opponents or Gandhi's candidate

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